

MACK TO NAN

Jarvis. Baltimore, Sunday Jan 22nd 65

My Dear Nan. this morning finds me in good health. my wound is still doing well. last nite I received your kind letter dated Jan 15th I was glad to still hear that you and the baby is well. and that he grows so fast and prity. --I want to se you and the little boy baby offal bad. I hope I can before long. I can get a furlow about the midle of Feb I think. --if I dont wait for a discharge. if I wait for a discharge if I even get it I expect I cant get to come home till maby the last of March. I mean that if I can get a discharge at all I cant get it till March.-- Nan I think I will come as soon as I can get a furlow. And then if I get my discharge it will be all right. if I knew that the war wood stop this spring and that the army wood be discharged this summer I think I wood not take a discharge now if I cood get it. for this reason. I will only save about one year, and I wont get but one hundred dollars of my bounty of the government bounty but if I shoud stay till I was discharged because the war was over I wood get all of the three hundred dolars, if I should only stay one month longer. but if I am discharged on account of disability I will only get bounty up to the time of discharge. if I was sure that I wood be discharged this somer any how, I wood save two hundred and fifty or seventy five dolars by staying. It wood be 200 dollars bounty and my monthly pay if I wood have to stay four months that wood be 64 dollars. 2,64 [264] dollars for four or five months longer wood pay three times as fast as I cood make at home at hard work. -- but money is no recompense for being away from home. but I think I deserve all I can get. I want to be at home bad as any boddy cood want to, but if I was sure that the thing wood turn out as I have predicted I could try to stand it a little while longer. for big pay. --if I stay I will get a 30 day furlow any how. but if I get my discharge, if I was sertain I wood get it, I think I wood not come till I got it. for it wod cost 25 or 30 dollars to come on furlow. which can be saved by waiting a little longer probably a month. Maby not so long. --Nan when you write again tell me what you think about it.-- I have not come to any settled conclusion in regard to it. I will wait till I get an answer from you. if I stay I will be put in the invalid Corps where I wont have any fighting to do and marching and carying nap sacks like the past summer. my duty will be doing gard duty around the Hospital. tell me what you wood do. if you rather I wood come home I will get my discharge if I can. but I think the comeing summer will end the war. and it wood pay us three times as much as last sumer. and I wood not haff the hard ships to under go.-- tell me just what you think about it. Well I wish I was with you today for I am lonesom today. it looks so disagreeable out doors. it snowed and rained yesterday and last nite. and the snow is about two inches deep and a crust on it.-- the folkes here appear to think it is tip top slaying. they are out this morning with there cutters and slay bells just a riding up and down the road. -- I got letter from Pap dated the 15th they was all well. only bad colds. one from Andy and D.C. dated the 15th they was well and in good sperits. they say there is no fireing now where they are. the Rebs gets on top of there brest works and hollows to our Boys that they ant going to fight any more. I have a letter from T.C. Radabaugh dated the 15 his helth is poor.-- I wrote in my last letter that Dr J Hank had been here to se me. I hant went to se them yet, but I am going in a few days. Nan I dont know why my letters are so long going. I wish they wood go strait through. it must be in the carelessness of the post masters some place.-- now I will soon close for this time have you heard of the death of Stephen Fitzsimmons. he died at Lexington K.y. he died the 2nd of Jan. Will took him home to be buried. now write as soon as you get this. write all the news. I hate to hear of Johns going to enlist. but I suppose he is bound to go any how. there is preaching here a[t] 1/2 [past] 3 o'clock. I am going. I will have to stop for want of room Still pray for me, and I will pray for my self. Kiss the baby for Pa. take good care of him.

Good by for today. Nan and baby. Mc. Pa. E.